(b) if so, whether any action plan has been drawn up in the current financial year in the domain of atomic energy;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE (SHRI PRITHVIRAJ CHAVAN): (a) The Department of Atomic Energy has not received any proposal in this regard.

(b) to (d) Do not arise.

US aid for Commercial Atomic Generation

3718. SHRIMATI SUKHBUNS KAUR: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have decided to tap additional Nuclear Energy Resources;

(b) if so, the details in this regard, indicating the number, generation capacity, location of the new power plants to be set up; and

(c) whether the US has offered cooperation and aid to India in commercial atomic energy generation, if so, Government's response thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE (SHRI PRITHVIRAJ CHAVAN):

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) In addition to the 14 operating stations, there are nine nuclear power reactor units under construction in the country, with a total capacity of 4460 NWe as under:

Scheme/ Location	Capacity MWe
Tarapur Atomic Power Project Units - 3& 4, Maharashtra	2 x 540 PHWRs
Kaiga Atomic Power Project Units - 3&4, Karnataka	2 x 220 PHWRs

Scheme/ Location	Capacity MWe
Kudankulam Nuclear Power Project Units - 1&2, Tamil Nadu	2 x 1000 MWe LWRs
Rajasthan Atomic Power Project Units - 5&6, Rawatbhatta, Rajasthan	2 x 220 PHWRs
Prototype Fast Breeder Reactor (PFBR) Kalpakkam, Tamil Nadu	1x500 (FBR)

(c) No firm proposal has been received from the United States of America in this regard.

Setting up of Nuclear Power Plant in Maharashtra

3719 SHRI BALAVANT *ALIAS* BAL APTE:
SHRI RUDRA NARAYAN PANY:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to set up a nuclear power plant in the Western Region of the country, particularly in Maharashra;

(b) if so, whether any Site Selection Committee has been formed;

(c) if so, whether the report has been submitted to Government; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE (SHRI PRITHVIRAJ CHAVAN): (a) Apart from the ongoing Tarapur Atomic Power Project (TAPP 3&4) at Tarapur in Maharashtra, there is no proposal at this stage to set up additional nuclear power plants in the Western Region of the Country.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) The Site Selection Committee constituted by the Department of Atomic Energy has evaluated various sites in the country including the State of Maharashtra. However, a decision is yet to be taken by the Government on the location of future nuclear power projects.